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**Re: GoldTerra, Inc.**  
**Blue Castle Mine Plan**  
**Emery County, Utah**

**Dear Mr. Gallegos:**

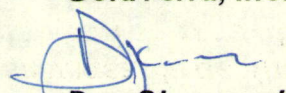
**Thank you for taking the time to meet with us regarding the mine plan on 4/26/00. Per our discussion, GoldTerra is providing a letter to outline our intentions regarding the soils questions on the mine site.**

**We have contacted the EIS soils scientist Mr. Dan Larsen, and requested he call Mr. Kunzler to lay out an acceptable plan for site specific soils examinations on our proposed disturbed areas. The information provided in the plan is based on generalized soils maps, and is very likely not representative of the site specific conditions. It is our intent to have Mr. Larsen conduct a more intensive site specific examination to better define areas where topsoil can be salvaged and to determine salvageable depths. Based on this study, GoldTerra will refine the topsoil stripping and storage plan for the mine plan.**

**This plan should not only clarify the soils questions, but should help to better define areas where vegetation can and should be replaced during reclamation. This, in turn, should provide better data to ensure we meet the requirements for post-mining land use.**

**We hope this plan will meet with your approval. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please let me know.**

**Sincerely,**  
**GoldTerra, Inc.**

  
**Dan Sheppard**  
**President**

**cc: Dean Neffler - BLM**  
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